

**United States Bankruptcy Court**  
**Northern District of Illinois**

Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):

All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):
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Last four digits of Soc. Sec. No. / Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No.  
(if more than one, state all):

Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code):

County of Residence or of the  
Principal Place of Business:

Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):

**Information Regarding the Debtor (Check the Applicable Boxes)**

☒ Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.

☐ There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.

☐ Individual(s)

☐ Corporation

☐ Partnership

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Railroad

☐ Stockbroker

☐ Commodity Broker

☐ Clearing Bank

☐ Chapter 7                      ☐ Chapter 11                      ☒ Chapter 13  
☐ Chapter 9                      ☐ Chapter 12  
☐ Sec. 304 - Case ancillary to foreign proceeding

☐ Consumer/Non-Business      ☐ Business

☒ Full Filing Fee attached  
☐ Filing Fee to be paid in installments (Applicable to individuals only.)  
 Must attach signed application for the court's consideration  
 certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments.  
 Rule 1006(b). See Official Form No. 3.

\*\*\* Lorraine M. Greenberg ARDC No.: 03129023 \*\*\*

☒ Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.

☐ Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.

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Voluntary Petition (This page must be completed and filed in every case)		Document Page 2 of 11 Schmedding, Teresa M		FORM B1, Page 2	
<b>Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 6 Years</b> (If more than one, attach additional sheet)					
Location Where Filed: <b>- None -</b>		Case Number:		Date Filed:	
<b>Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Affiliate of this Debtor</b> (If more than one, attach additional sheet)					
Name of Debtor: <b>- None -</b>		Case Number:		Date Filed:	
District:		Relationship:		Judge:	
<b>Signatures</b>					
<b>Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)</b> I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct. [If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.			<b>Exhibit A</b> (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11) <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.		
<b>X</b> <u>/s/ Teresa M Schmedding</u> Signature of Debtor <b>Teresa M Schmedding</b>			<b>Exhibit B</b> (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts) I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter.		
<b>X</b> _____ Signature of Joint Debtor			<b>X</b> <u>/s/ Lorraine M. Greenberg</u> <b>ARDC No. 03129023</b> Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Date		
_____ Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)			<b>Exhibit C</b> Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>X</b> <u>/s/ Lorraine M. Greenberg</u> <b>ARDC No.:</b> Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) <b>Lorraine M. Greenberg</b> <b>ARDC No.: 03129023</b> Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) <b>Lorraine Greenberg and Associates, LLC</b> Firm Name <b>20 E. Jackson Blvd.</b> <b>Suite 800</b> <b>Chicago, IL 60604</b> Address <b>Email: lgreenberg@greenbergglaw.net</b> <b>312-408-0007 Fax: 312-427-8543</b> Telephone Number <b>October 14, 2005</b> Date			<b>Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer</b> I certify that I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110, that I prepared this document for compensation, and that I have provided the debtor with a copy of this document. _____ Printed Name of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer _____ Social Security Number (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110(c).) _____ Address Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document:  If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.		
<b>Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)</b> I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor. The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.			<b>X</b> _____ Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer _____ Date  A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.		
<b>X</b> _____ Signature of Authorized Individual _____ Printed Name of Authorized Individual _____ Title of Authorized Individual _____ Date					

**United States Bankruptcy Court**  
**Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Teresa M Schmedding**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter **13**

**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept.....	\$	<u><b>2,700.00</b></u>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received.....	\$	<u><b>0.00</b></u>
Balance Due.....	\$	<u><b>2,700.00</b></u>

2. The source of the compensation paid to me was:

☒ Debtor      ☐ Other (specify):

3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☒ Debtor      ☐ Other (specify):

4. ☐ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☒ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached. **none.**

5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:
- Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
  - Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
  - Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
  - [Other provisions as needed]

6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

Dated: **October 14, 2005**

**/s/ Lorraine M. Greenberg ARDC No.:**  
**Lorraine M. Greenberg ARDC No.: 03129023**  
**Lorraine Greenberg and Associates, LLC**  
**20 E. Jackson Blvd.**  
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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
CHAPTER 13 DEBTORS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS  
(Model Retention Agreement)**

Chapter 13 gives debtors important rights, such as the right to keep property that could otherwise be lost through repossession or foreclosure—but Chapter 13 also puts burdens on debtors, such as the burden of making complete and truthful disclosures of their financial situation. It is important for debtors who file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy case to understand their rights and responsibilities in bankruptcy. In this connection, the advice of an attorney is often crucial. Debtors are entitled to expect certain services to be performed by their attorneys, but again, debtors have responsibilities to their attorneys also. In order to assure that debtors and their attorneys understand their rights and responsibilities in the Chapter 13 process, the judges of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois have approved the following agreement, setting out the rights and responsibilities of both debtors in Chapter 13 and their attorneys. By signing this agreement, debtors and their attorneys accept these responsibilities.

***BEFORE THE CASE IS FILED***

**THE DEBTOR AGREES TO:**

1. Discuss with the attorney the debtor's objectives in filing the case.
2. Provide the attorney with full, accurate and timely information, financial and otherwise, including properly documented proof of income.

**THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO:**

1. Personally counsel the debtor regarding the advisability of filing either a Chapter 13 or a Chapter 7 case, discuss both procedures (as well as non-bankruptcy options) with the debtor, and answer the debtor's questions.
2. Personally explain to the debtor that the attorney is being engaged to represent the debtor on all matters arising in the case, as required by Local Bankruptcy rule and explain how and when the attorney's fees and the trustee's fees are determined and paid.
3. Personally review with the debtor and sign the completed petition, plan, statements, and schedules, as well as all amendments thereto, whether filed with the petition or later. (The schedules may be initially prepared with the help of clerical or paralegal staff of the attorney's office, but personal attention of the attorney is required for the review and signing.)

4. Timely prepare and file the debtor's petition, plan, statements, and schedules.
5. Explain to the debtor how, when, and where to make all necessary payments, including both payments that must be made directly to creditors and payments that must be made to the Chapter 13 trustee, with particular attention to housing and vehicle payments.
6. Advise the debtor of the need to maintain appropriate insurance.

***AFTER THE CASE IS FILED***

**THE DEBTOR AGREES TO:**

1. Make the required payments to the trustee and to whatever creditors are being paid directly, or, if required payments cannot be made, to notify the attorney immediately.
2. Appear punctually at the meeting of creditors (also called the "341 meeting") with recent proof of income and a picture identification card. (If the identification card does not include the debtor's social security number, the debtor will also bring to the meeting a social security card.) The debtor must be present in time for check-in and when the case is called for the actual examination.
3. Notify the attorney of any change in the debtor's address or telephone number.
4. Inform the attorney of any wage garnishments or liens or levies on assets that occur or continue after the filing of the case.
5. Contact the attorney immediately if the debtor loses employment, has a significant change in income, or experiences any other significant change in financial situation (such as serious illness, lottery winnings, or an inheritance).
6. Notify the attorney if the debtor is sued or wishes to file a lawsuit (including divorce).
7. Inform the attorney if any tax refunds to which the debtor is entitled are seized or not received when due from the IRS or Illinois Department of Revenue.
8. Contact the attorney before buying, refinancing, or selling real property, and before entering into any loan agreement.

**THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO:**

1. Advise the debtor of the requirement to attend the meeting of creditors, and notify the debtor of the date, time, and place of the meeting.
2. Inform the debtor that the debtor must be punctual and, in the case of a joint filing, that both spouses must appear at the same meeting.

3. Provide knowledgeable legal representation for the debtor at the meeting of creditors (in time for check-in and the actual examination) and, unless excused by the trustee, for the confirmation hearing.
4. If the attorney will be employing another attorney to attend the 341 meeting or any court hearing, personally explain to the debtor in advance, the role and identity of the other attorney and provide the other attorney with the file in sufficient time to review it and properly represent the debtor.
5. Timely submit to the Chapter 13 trustee properly documented proof of income for the debtor, including business reports for self-employed debtors.
6. Timely respond to objections to plan confirmation and, where necessary, prepare, file, and serve an amended plan.
7. Timely prepare, file, and serve any necessary amended statements and schedules and any change of address, in accordance with information provided by the debtor.
8. Monitor all incoming case information (including, but not limited to, Order Confirming Plan, Notice of Intent to Pay Claims, and 6-month status reports) for accuracy and completeness. Contact the trustee promptly regarding any discrepancies.
9. Be available to respond to the debtor's questions throughout the term of the plan.
10. Prepare, file, and serve timely modifications to the plan after confirmation, when necessary, including modifications to suspend, lower, or increase plan payments.
11. Prepare, file, and serve necessary motions to buy or sell property and to incur debt.
12. Object to improper or invalid claims.
13. Timely respond to the Chapter 13 trustee's motions to dismiss the case, such as for payment default, or unfeasibility, and to motions to increase the percentage payment to unsecured creditors.
14. Timely respond to motions for relief from stay.
15. Prepare, file, and serve all appropriate motions to avoid liens.
16. Provide any other legal services necessary for the administration of the case before the bankruptcy court.

ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES [Check one option.]

☐ Option A: flat fee through confirmation

1a. *Pre-confirmation services.* Any attorney retained to represent a debtor in a Chapter 13 case is responsible for representing the debtor on all matters arising in the case, unless otherwise ordered by the court. For all of the services outlined above, required to be provided before confirmation of a plan, the attorney will be paid a fee of \$ N/A. In extraordinary circumstances, such as extended evidentiary hearings or appeals, the attorney may apply to the court for additional compensation for pre-confirmation services. Any such application must be accompanied by an itemization of the services rendered, showing the date, the time expended, and the identity of the attorney performing the services. The debtor must be served with a copy of the application and notified of the right to appear in court to object.

1b. *Post-confirmation services.* Compensation for services required after confirmation will be in such amounts as are allowed by the court, on application accompanied by an itemization of the services rendered, showing the date, time, and the identity of the attorney performing the services. The debtor must be served with a copy of the application and notified that the debtor may appear in court to object.

2. *Early termination of the case.* Fees payable under the provisions set out above are not refundable in the event that the case is dismissed before confirmation (Option A) or completion of plan payments (Option B), unless the dismissal is due to a failure by the attorney to comply with the duties set out in this agreement. If a dismissal is due to such a failure by the attorney, the court may order a refund of fees on motion by the debtor.

3. *Retainers.* The attorney may receive a retainer or other payment before filing the case, but may not receive fees directly from the debtor after the filing of the case. In any application for fees, whether or not requiring an itemization, the attorney shall disclose to the court any fees paid by the debtor prior to the case filing.

☒ Option B: flat fee through case closing

1. Any attorney retained to represent a debtor in a Chapter 13 case is responsible for representing the debtor on all matters arising in the case unless otherwise ordered by the court. For all of the services outlined above, the attorney will be paid a fee of \$ 2,700.00. In extraordinary circumstances, such as extended evidentiary hearings or appeals, the attorney may apply to the court for additional compensation for these services. Any such application must be accompanied by an itemization of the services rendered, showing the date, the time expended, and the identity of the attorney performing the services. The debtor must be served with a copy of the application and notified of the right to appear in court to object.

4. *Improper conduct by the attorney.* If the debtor disputes the sufficiency or quality of the legal services provided or the amount of the fees charged by the attorney, the debtor may file an objection with the court and request a hearing.

5. *Improper conduct by the debtor.* If the attorney believes that the debtor is not complying with the debtor's responsibilities under this agreement or is otherwise not engaging in proper conduct, the attorney may apply for a court order allowing the attorney to withdraw from the case.

6. *Discharge of the attorney.* The debtor may discharge the attorney at any time.

Date:

October 14, 2005

**Total fee to be paid for attorney's services: \$ 2,700.00**  
**(Do not sign if this line is blank.)**

Signed:

/s/ Teresa M Schmedding

Teresa M Schmedding

/s/ Lorraine M. Greenberg ARDC No.:

Lorraine M. Greenberg ARDC No.: 03129023

Attorney for Debtor(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Debtor(s)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
**NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER DEBTOR**

The purpose of this notice is to acquaint you with the four chapters of the federal Bankruptcy Code under which you may file a bankruptcy petition. The bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Therefore, you should seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities under the law should you decide to file a petition with the court. Court employees are prohibited from giving you legal advice.

**Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$155 filing fee plus \$39 administrative fee plus \$15 trustee surcharge)**

1. Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts.
2. Under chapter 7 a trustee takes possession of all your property. You may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. The trustee then liquidates the property and uses the proceeds to pay your creditors according to priorities of the Bankruptcy Code.
3. The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, your discharge may be denied by the court, and the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.
4. Even if you receive a discharge, there are some debts that are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for such debts as certain taxes and student loans, alimony and support payments, criminal restitution, and debts for death or personal injury caused by driving while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.
5. Under certain circumstances you may keep property that you have purchased subject to valid security interest. Your attorney can explain the options that are available to you.

**Chapter 13: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$155 filing fee plus \$39 administrative fee)**

1. Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who are temporarily unable to pay their debts but would like to pay them in installments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.
2. Under chapter 13 you must file a plan with the court to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. Usually, the period allowed by the court to repay your debts is three years, but no more than five years. Your plan must be approved by the court before it can take effect.
3. Under chapter 13, unlike chapter 7, you may keep all your property, both exempt and non-exempt, as long as you continue to make payments under the plan.
4. After completion of payments under your plan, your debts are discharged except alimony and support payments, student loans, certain debts including criminal fines and restitution and debts for death or personal injury caused by driving while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs, and long term secured obligations.

**Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$800 filing fee plus \$39 administrative fee)**

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a Chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

**Chapter 12: Family Farmer (\$200 filing fee plus \$39 administrative fee)**

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is in many ways similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm.

I, the debtor, affirm that I have read this notice.

/s/ Teresa M Schmedding

Debtor's Signature

October 14, 2005

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Case Number

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Teresa M Schmedding**

Debtor(s)

Case No.  
Chapter

**13**

**VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX**

The above-named Debtor hereby verifies that the attached list of creditors is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

Date: **October 14, 2005**

**/s/ Teresa M Schmedding**

**Teresa M Schmedding**

Signature of Debtor

AT&T Universal Card  
P.O. Box 6411  
The Lakes, NV 88901-6411

Chase  
PO Box 15298  
Wilmington, DE 19886

Discover  
P.O.Box 30395  
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0395

Harris Bank  
P.O. Box 15137  
Wilmington, DE 19886-5153

MBNA America  
P.O. Box 15289  
Wilmington, DE 19886-5286

MBNA America  
PO Box 15102  
Wilmington, DE 19886-5102